

September 27, 1932

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As soon as we get our heads above water, we will give you more detail. In the meantime, tell us what you are doing.

Heaps of love.

Mr. Kirby Page  
Southern Arizona School for Boys  
Tucson, Arizona

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Miss Mary Page  
Oakwood School  
Poughkeepsie, New York



OAKWOOD SCHOOL  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A. M., PRINCIPAL

Oct 23

September 28, 1932

Mr. Kirby Page  
347 Madison Avenue, Rm. 704  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Kirby Page:

Last year Mary seemed to me to be growing in her attitude toward boys, in her desire for a woman's dress including high heels and long skirts. She seemed also to be sympathetic to you and your position, but more because you are her father and she admires you very much.

This year she seems to me to be growing up in mind and thinking. I have felt her maturity. I think she knows more her own mind. I want very much that this shall be a good year for her.

Would it be possible for you to come up here for a Sunday night before the Fellowship conference to talk to our students? You could also have a longer visit with Mary and get a little rest before you plunge into the work or that conference. This may be an entire impossibility.

I shall, however, not make arrangements for that Sunday night until I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

Principal

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. J. Reagan".

WJR  
BT

October 5, 1932.

My dear Wm. Beagons:

Your letter of September 28th should have been answered sooner but I have been out of the city. I am keenly interested in what you say about Mary and want very much to come up to the school but unfortunately the next two Sundays are already scheduled. As you know, I am planning to come up to Poughkeepsie for the Fellowship Conference on Saturday October 22nd and Sunday 23rd. I am speaking at the conference on Sunday afternoon and I think they are expecting me to attend a meeting of the executive committee that evening. At any rate I shall hope to get a glimpse of you while I am there.

I think Mary is coming down to see us this week end. She wrote something about it although I am not sure that the plan is definite.

Cordially yours,

forgotten  
you have  
no

Oct 8<sup>th</sup> -

Dear People - here we  
have started on another  
month - weather quite pleasant -  
alma your letter read - better  
not run too fast - no, I have  
not heard from the Boy since he  
left here - have not heard from  
Edith - but Mamma asked why  
they never got to see him -  
I asked Jo if he did not need  
a quilt - & he said no -  
I have been looking at the pretty  
blanket - again, why not let me  
use it for one on my bed - will  
be large enough with the corner off  
I still have the good bath robe, <sup>love</sup> Mother



October 31st, 1932

Dear Mr. Page,

We all wish to thank you  
again for all the inspiration  
you brought to our Valley Meeting  
Group -

May I add these addresses - and  
try to see if these good friends  
will not be made into more  
useful Citizens by "Living Creatively."

Mrs. G. Howard Bruce

506 West 121st Street New York

Mr. John V. Bishop

Columbus New Jersey

"Ogston Farm"

Mrs. E. G. Armstrong

West Grandby Connecticut

Mrs. Harry Curtis  
730 Elm Grove Ave  
Providence R. I.

Mrs. Charles Martin Wood  
Haverford Pennsylvania

With kindest regards to Mrs. Page

Gratefully and sincerely

Emily Beshon Harvey

# OAKWOOD SCHOOL, POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Report of Page, Mary of the Junior Class, for Month ending Oct. 25

EIGHTH GRADE	FIRST YEAR	THIRD YEAR	FOURTH YEAR
Reading	REQUIRED SUBJECTS	REQUIRED SUBJECTS	REQUIRED SUBJECTS
Spelling	English I	4 English III <u>82</u>	4 English IV
Writing	5 Algebra	ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	5 American History
English	5 Biology	2 Psychology	Ethics
Arithmetic	5 General Science	5 Latin III	ELECTIVE SUBJECTS
History	Latin I	10 French II	5 Latin IV
Geography	2½ Civics	5 Physics	5 French III <u>85</u>
	2 Drawing I (Design)	2½ Intermediate Algebra <u>90</u>	5 Chemistry
SUBJECTS SUPPLEMENTARY TO FOUR YEAR COURSE	SECOND YEAR		
	REQUIRED SUBJECTS		
Musical Appreciation	8 English II	2 Solid Geometry	2 Trigonometry
Chorus Singing and Rudiments of Music	5 Plane Geometry	5 Modern History	2½ Advanced Algebra
Piano (Private Lessons) <u>85</u>	5 {Ancient History or Physical Geography	2 History of English Language and Literature	2½ Economics
Vocal (Private Lessons)	10 Latin II <u>84</u>	5 Bookkeeping I	2 Mechanical Drawing II
Hebrew History	or	5 Commercial Arithmetic	2½ Typewriting
Apostolic Church	French I	2 Intermediate Drawing	2 English Grammar
Life of Christ	2 Drawing II (Representation)	2 Mechanical Drawing I	3 Home Economics I
2½ Old Testament Prophets	3 Home Economics II (Clothing and Design)	3 Home Economics VII	(Foods and Housekeeping)
2½ Life of Jesus and Life of Paul	7½ Agriculture I	(Home Management) English Composition	
Writing			
Spelling			Regents Counts
Gymnasium			Department Group

Times Tardy..... Excused..... Days Absent..... Excused..... Number in Class..... Rank.....

8th Grade Passing Grade - - - 75  
 High School Passing Grade - - - 65  
 Recommendation Grade - - - 75  
 Regents grades in red

*(over)*

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A.M.,  
Principal.



Is increasingly helpful in  
dormitory. Heren say decided  
improvement over last year.  
"Has a much surer idea of what she  
wants to do than formerly. Can still  
improve in forceful attack in her work.  
I would like very much to see her  
make the 90 average group. She  
has that ability, I am sure.

W. Reagan

Physical Education	1	Physical Education	1	Physical Education	1
Classical Studies and History	2	Classical Studies and History	2	Classical Studies and History	2
Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3
English Literature	4	English Literature	4	English Literature	4
French Literature	5	French Literature	5	French Literature	5
German Literature	6	German Literature	6	German Literature	6
Italian Literature	7	Italian Literature	7	Italian Literature	7
Spanish Literature	8	Spanish Literature	8	Spanish Literature	8
Portuguese Literature	9	Portuguese Literature	9	Portuguese Literature	9
Latin Literature	10	Latin Literature	10	Latin Literature	10
Modern Languages	11	Modern Languages	11	Modern Languages	11
Science	12	Science	12	Science	12
Art	13	Art	13	Art	13
Music	14	Music	14	Music	14
Physical Education	15	Physical Education	15	Physical Education	15
Physical Education	16	Physical Education	16	Physical Education	16
Physical Education	17	Physical Education	17	Physical Education	17
Physical Education	18	Physical Education	18	Physical Education	18
Physical Education	19	Physical Education	19	Physical Education	19
Physical Education	20	Physical Education	20	Physical Education	20

Rank	Number in Class	Known	Days Absent	Examined	Times Taught
71	-	-	-	-	-
62	-	-	-	-	-
75	-	-	-	-	-
Reports grades in and					
Recommendation Grade					
High School Passing Grade					
8th Grade Passing Grade					

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A.M.  
Principal

(over)

League City  
Oct 18, 1932.

Dear Alma

Was sure glad to hear from  
you. Many thanks for the check. I will  
do my best with the rest. The job  
that Wilfred thought they would  
get fell through so I guess they  
will just fiddle along. Things are  
are getting dull all the time but  
some way we have managed to get  
by. I am in the kitchen making  
a bit and are here out started very  
much lately. we waste more on waste  
than any thing, but I think we are  
doing very well it got so we did not  
sell 5¢ worth of cream just lots of days  
and they sent us a bill for \$4.00 a month



rent for the machine so I sent them  
word to come and get it so they  
came the next day and got it I  
am ever glad. Our light bill  
was \$23.60 last month so I guess  
it should not be so much this  
month, we are not using the electric  
stove so much. I have been cleaning  
the back yard and getting our  
winter wood in, and stacked up I  
am getting three cords now, so if  
we have a bad winter we will have  
a little wood, but if the people  
steal the wood like they are stealing  
gasoline from people's cars I will  
be in the bad. I am going to try  
to get one some straw berry plants  
next week. I have the place fixed  
for them I have worked some on  
my cactus bed some. I guess Johnnie

and John will be at home tomorrow.  
they went to Houston Monday morning  
noon and have not come back yet.  
I am working hard to get the place  
looking better so I will not be  
ashamed of it when Betty comes  
again if I do not have it looking  
better I will not be here to be ashamed.  
I want to go to town one day this  
week and try to get one a home dress  
or two I only have one long sleeve dress  
to wear, so you see I need to go.  
I might wait until Sunday and go  
home with Wilfred and see as it  
is this Sunday to come out I  
think Johnnie + John are going out-  
there before they come home as I rent-  
ing a saw to saw wood with

cousin sent me the coat for  
Wilfred and it - fits him pretty good  
I sent it - to the Laundry to be cleaned and  
they made a mess of it. Wilfred said he  
would get the suit fixed this week.  
I guess that - will be one thing I will  
have to see to, do not get any dress goods  
for me I cannot make any thing, one here  
one had some wain days lately, in  
regards to me coming back with you  
some, some I would like to visit  
you some and then I might get to see  
some of Kirby and May, but I do not  
see how I can leave here, I was telling  
Mr Hill about it - today and he said if I went  
off he would quit, I told him I was going  
to tell you what he said, now tell him something  
he sure was nice in taking care of things  
while John was gone. I hope you will not  
change your mind about coming down here some  
time & love of love to all Loving Mother,



11-8-31

Dear Sis.

I am writing to let you know that we have moved to a cheaper place.

I found a nice place just what we want 3 miles further out Yale St Road. It is a 4 room house with about  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre or more land nice barns and chicken houses and plenty of garden



space. It has electric lights  
but no gas. I picked up a  
good wood stove for \$2.00  
and fixed it up. and it  
only cost \$10.00 per month.  
we bought a small amount  
of furniture which will cost  
us \$8.00 per month making  
a total of \$18.00 against \$31.00  
where we were and we will  
have our own furniture.

It will cost me a little  
something to get started again  
but I think I will soon be

on the road to recovery.  
as I told you before I  
did not see much prospect of  
returning borrowed money but  
now I do.  
— So if you can possibly  
let me have any money, I  
can say that I will pay it  
back. With interest if you  
could let me have about  
\$50.00 until July then I will  
have my car paid out and  
can pay it back \$20.00 a month.  
or if work keeps up good will  
be able to make smaller.

payments before then.

Mr. Jomo. offered me \$25.00  
voluntary which I would like  
to repay and am still behind  
on Grecey bill. If  
you can spare it please  
do and I am sure you will  
not regret it. If you cannot  
please let me have just the  
same. If you let me have it  
add on what you gave me before.

Address letter to me to A.C. Jomo  
as I have no Box no. yet. <sup>2825 Yale St</sup>  
<sup>Mo. Tex.</sup>

Love your brother.  
Billie.

League City, Tex  
Nov 3, 1932.

Miss Kirby Page

Dear Alma

I guess I had better  
try to write to you tonight. as it is  
so hard to write during the day. every chance  
I get I make a run for the garden,  
it came in dry we are needing a rain  
so bad, it was a little cold last week  
and we had a shower but not enough to  
help any thing I had to water my strawber-  
ries the next day after the rain. Tell Mary  
if she likes strawberries she will have  
to come down here next summer and  
help us eat strawberries and cream -



I planted some turnips and set out  
some onions, Wilfred said he had enough  
collards for us all. Johnnie went out  
to see them Monday and took him some  
onions set. I gave him a few strawberry  
plants too. I went to town last Friday  
and bought some knit underwear for the  
children and some soap for Wilfred and  
two ships for Jim. I shall get Wilfred some  
underwear when I find out what size he  
wears. I gave him five when he was  
here Sunday a week ago. I guess they will  
be down next Sunday. The baby is walking  
just fine now and she is into every  
thing Bobby is more quiet than she  
is. Bobby likes books and likes to write  
and try to draw but the little one is  
never still. she does like pictures

and will sit a long time if I give  
her a book with children pictures in  
it. I am sorry that you had to have  
one of those old headaches, don't you know  
you cannot keep up with those young  
folks, you had better come down here  
and stay with me. I am writing Buddie  
a letter for today is his birthday. I am  
sure sorry that one did not get to see  
him when we came by. speaking of  
Nicky losing his hat band I hope that he  
did not lose his new hat Johnnie & John  
said he saw him look once in his new  
hat, with his hat band on it well I  
guess it will be something to keep him  
busy for awhile, for if he wants it he  
will make it. it is not many things he wants that

when he does want any thing he goes after it.  
we have not had a real cold weather yet -  
but every body is looking for it - we have  
been having fire in the morning but -  
not in the evening. I want to try to -  
get me some fruit - then next week if I  
get a chance but it is so dry to put  
them out, John is working at night now -  
he leaves the house about ten o'clock. and  
works until seven in the morning. I think  
Johnnie said she thought that Wilfred  
would have work this week. I will try to  
let you know how he is getting along.  
lots & lots of love to you both.

Truly

Mother



November 1, 1933

Dear Friends:

We are enclosing reports of your boys and girls covering the first six weeks. They indicate not only growth for school work, but also growth in social phases of character education, and only a few of the boys and girls seem to be really interested in their reports and in character reports in general without the suggestion of the school. It will not remedy unsatisfactory situations unless you or we do so. We are going to work together to find remedies. Letters of commendation, encouragement and friendly suggestion are always helpful.

I am sure that at present too many students are leaving school too frequently for week-ends. There is a strong trend on Saturday morning with an opportunity to catch up on home work. Frequently teachers meet groups for special help. Furthermore a trip away from school is hard on school work on Friday and Monday, and sometimes a spirit of restlessness is engendered. I realize that often a week-end at home is an important educational experience and that a student gets more from a visit much more than he loses.

Except in unusual situations students will not be released before 3:30 p. m. on Friday and should return not later than 8 p. m. on Sunday. We are asking parents to arrive early in the week if they wish their children to come home for week-ends. Children may not have other students as guests without permission from both homes. We have found it unwise to encourage week-end parties away from school for both boys and girls.

Co-education seems to us to be a very fundamental part of education and we encourage association of boys and girls. We do, however, discourage intense or too exclusive segregation between individuals.

We shall be glad to have your comment or suggestion in regard to the report.

Very truly yours,

*W. R. Ragan*

Principal

W.R.  
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# Teachers College

Columbia University  
New York

November 2nd, 1932.

Mr. Kirby Page  
World Tomorrow  
52 Vanderbilt Avenue  
New York City.

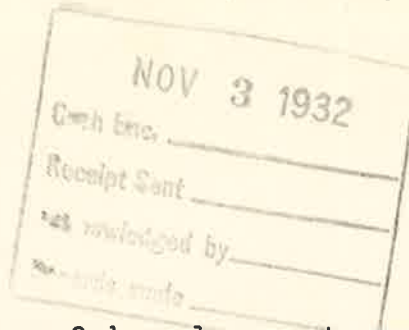
Dear Mr. Page:

I am writing you as an Oakwood parent on a matter that has given me a good deal of concern. It was brought forcibly to my attention yesterday by the Specialist who has recently examined my son Wilfred who is at the school. This Physician feels that some patron who knows Mr. Reagan quite well ought by all means speak to him.

As you probably know, Mr. Reagan's son is in a hospital for the mentally ill. All during the last year apparently he was very frank with some of the boys in criticisms of his Father. In other words, they have gotten the idea that Mr. Reagan is a very insincere person, and that if anyone as nice as they used to think he was is shown to be so insincere, probably most other individuals and indeed parents with whom they come in contact are similarly ready to urge idealistic attitudes but to act in quite a different fashion.

Apparently young Jim Reagan has seriously considered and has discussed with some of the boys and for all I know some of the girls, the question of suicide. This summer the daughter of one of the Oakwood Trustees and the sister of a very popular student did commit suicide, and apparently from what Wilfred told our Doctor the question of suicide <sup>to take that way</sup> as a way out of the world's difficulties, and the right of the individual is being quite seriously discussed by at least a group of the students. How far this has gone through the upper classes I have not the slightest means of knowing. I knew that there was some discussion on this point this summer. In fact it was carried on quite frankly when I was present with two or three of the Oakwood boys at our summer camp, but I had no idea it was more than a passing interest. Our Physician is thoroughly convinced that the situation is a bit dangerous and that it is linked up with the great loss of confidence in the Headmaster.

Please understand that I have not the slightest evidence that your daughter is at all involved in any of this. Quite probably she is not. I am writing you because you are one of the few Oakwood patrons whom I know. I have some diffidence in writing to Mr. Reagan. He feels that my son induced his boy to take up smoking which is against the rules of the school and which precipitated the clash between Jim and his Father that proved the last straw in pushing Jim from normality to mental abnormality. In view of this, I greatly dislike to carry this situation to Mr. Reagan and tell him that he is, in the judgment



of a physician, responsible for it.

I don't know whether you would feel like doing this or not, but I would greatly like to have your advice in a situation which our physician felt was so serious that he spent an hour with me yesterday going over it.

Sincerely yours,

*Edmund deS. Brunner*

E. deS. Brunner

November 10, 1932.

Dr. Edmund BrS. Brunner,  
Teachers College,  
Columbia University,  
New York City.

My dear Dr. Brunner:

I must apologize to you for the delay in replying to your important letter. As a matter of fact, I replied promptly but did not mail the letter due to the fact that in the meantime I had a good visit with two of the teachers at Oakwood. Miss Craig and Miss Hartscock were at a meeting where I spoke and I had an opportunity to talk the Oakwood situation over with them. They tell me that Mr. Reagan is aware of the strong undercurrent of opposition. They both feel, however, that the situation has improved to a marked degree within the last two or three weeks.

I would gladly go up and talk with Mr. Reagan himself if I knew just what to say or thought that the visit would do any good. Our daughter is coming home the day after Thanksgiving and I shall tactfully sound her out. I should be glad to have you make any suggestions that occur to you. I will be grateful if you will keep me informed of developments as you become aware of them.

Cordially yours,

## MONTHLY STATEMENT

## Southern Arizona School for Boys

"IN THE SUNSHINE CLIMATE"

TUCSON, ARIZONA

Mr. Kirby Page,  
 347 Madison Ave.,  
 New York City, N. Y.

STATEMENT OF Kirby's <sup>Incidental</sup> ACCOUNT FOR MONTH OF November.

\* N. KEDDINGTON CO. - TUCSON

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
Oct. 31	Balance	3 01		
" 31	Films	1 53		
Nov. 4	Khaki for Bedding Roll	2 87		
Oct. 21	Repair Boots	3 50		
" 4	" Slippers	2 50		
Nov. 2	Cinch #15 Button Fasteners	1 70		
" 1	2 Tennis Balls	1 00		
" 11	Hair-cut	50		
" 16	Tooth-brush	50		
" 7	Paper	10		
" 15	Cash	2 75		
" 30	Sundry for month	3 90		Debit
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# Southern Arizona School for Boys

"In the Sunshine Climate"

Tucson, Arizona

GEORGE A. HARPER  
HEADMASTER

CAPTAIN RUSSEL B. FAIRGRIEVE  
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

November 29, 1932.

Mr. Kirby Page,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

I do not believe I acknowledged receipt of your nice letter of November 10 in which you offered to write Mr. Sawyer. Mr. Harper and I appreciate this kindness very much. I have not heard any further from Mr. Sawyer, but I presume he will make his definite decision upon arrival in Tucson. I shall write you more later.

Kirby continues to get along well. We have had a number of mild cases of influenza, but so far Kirby has avoided this sickness.

Mrs. Fairgrieve has enclosed with this letter a statement of Kirby's incidental account. The credit for \$400 paid on tuition has been given and I believe a statement showing this credit was forwarded to you. The tuition payment for the first part of the year was \$1000, and if we deduct from this the \$200 which we wish to credit to this account, because of your kindness to the school, a balance of \$800 would be left. Crediting the \$400 you paid against this amount, a balance of \$400 would be left for the tuition account.

I do not want you to feel that we are mentioning this again because of immediate necessity of payment. We understand that conditions are difficult for you and we shall be willing to have you work out the plan in any manner you see fit. Each month we go over the accounts and a statement is sent to all parents, so in order to keep the matter clear, I am sending along this information this morning. This year is, of course, more difficult for us here than ordinary, because of the condition of business affairs, but we shall get along some way and the method of your payment will be left to your good judgement entirely.

We shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you again at Christmas time and we hope that both Mrs. Page and you have been enjoying good health and your work is progressing satisfactorily to you.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Page and you in which Mr. and Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Fairgrieve join me.

Very cordially yours,

  
Russell B. Fairgrieve.

RBF/M.  
Enc.

Southern Arizona School for Boys

"In the Sunshine Climate"

Tucson, Arizona

November 23, 1932

GEORGE A. HARPER  
HEADMASTER

CAPTAIN RUSSEL B. FAIRGRIEVE  
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Kirby Page  
400 W. 119th St.  
New York City, New York

My dear Mrs. Page:

Enclosed is Kirby's report card for the second month. We are all highly pleased with the good work Kirby is doing this fall in all his subjects. His work shows much improvement over last year.

Kirby seems quite well and as far as I know everything is satisfactory. Tomorrow morning he starts on an expedition with a band of robbers of which he is the captain. The cops are supposed to find them sometime during the forenoon, after that we will enjoy our usual thanksgiving dinner.

We all join in highest regards to you and Mr. Page.

Very cordially yours,

*Geo. A. Harper*

Eng 2 2-  
U.S. Hist 2- 3  
algebra 2 2  
Spanish 3 3+  
Physical Ed 1 2  
Citizenship 2 2

Send up some  
cashew nuts  
and anything  
else for Thanksgiving.



Nov. 10, 1934

Dearest Mums,

Well I hope the dress is  
finished soon. Don't forget  
that the faguet is the 24<sup>th</sup>

It has to be here at least by  
the 22<sup>nd</sup>. How did you make

the belt, or have you got it? If

you haven't, either make it  
a sort of braid, or very wide. →

If wide, it would be nice  
stitched, wouldn't it? And

a great big buckle. If a silver  
one if the buttons are, and a white one  
if the buttons are, or cover me with

the same material. Don't forget  
it has to be finished soon.

Ann isn't sure yet whether  
or not she can come down

at least  
this  
wide

Thanksgiving week-end, but you  
don't have to know yet, do  
you? I hope she can, and  
so does she. She says she  
would like to see Poppy and  
Doc. B. S. Parker has decided to  
come home with me.

Oh yes - I'm afraid I'm  
going to need a coat before  
Christmas. Don't you think  
we could get it that week-end.

There won't be such a big change  
in prices, will there? Ann  
would be a good person to have  
along too, she's a good judge  
of clothes.

How about getting tickets  
for some good show - or  
would it cost too much?

I'll write soon  
Ash Lad.  
whether or not Annie is coming.  
Is Dad going to be home then?  
Love  
Mary

with  
Besides I have  
time after Xmas  
at least I don't  
genuinely. And for?

Don't  
forget the  
dress -  
and send up  
the black  
socks too.

**Teachers College**

Columbia University  
New York

November 11th, 1932.

Mr. Kirby Page  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Page:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter of November 10th in regard to the situation at Oakwood.

I have just had a letter from Mr. Reagan in regard to the difficulties that he is having with my own son which grow in large part out of the situation. It gave me an excellent opening to broach the situation to him and I have done so.

The more I think about it the more I believe that the suggestion of our physician has perhaps some merit, namely, that someone from the outside who has perhaps been frequently at Oakwood and who is known to the students, should discuss the situation with them or with a group of those most affected and try to straighten out their thinking both in regard to meeting the responsibilities of life instead of dodging them, and in getting them to be fair to the administration of the school. I have not suggested this to Mr. Reagan as yet but may do so if the opportunity offers.

My own youngster is seriously affected, and as he is the type of lad who is very impatient of required subjects for which he sees no use but rather precocious in the few subjects in which he is interested, my own stake in the situation is considerable. In fact, although my lad is in his junior year, I have seriously considered changing the school despite very excellent arguments against this sort of thing.

I had hoped to be present at the luncheon given you at the College on Wednesday but a committee meeting that I could not dodge conflicted.

Very many thanks for your letter. I would be very glad to hear from you after Thanksgiving when you have had a chance to talk the situation over with your daughter.

Cordially yours,

*Edmund des Brosses*



Thursday Dec 1st

Dear Don - your air mail letter - & the one containing the programs - both came today - they were mailed the 29th - so you see air mail is not so much after all - Leah, Norma & Edith came up for Thanksgiving - rained all day - the first good rain in a long time - Leah has taken up fire insurance too - so he asked me to let him have our insurance so I did - & it saved us fifteen dollars, or more - I called up Mr Pinkerton & canceled the application to him - & told him

positively not to collect from you  
that I had the money - so I  
canceled the application & told  
him to return your check  
now be sure to tell me if he  
does - in case you send it  
before he notifies you -

I have plenty on hand to pay  
Geok - & do not need any more  
you never answered me about the  
treasure hunters - what do you  
think about it - may not mean  
a thing - but I want to know -  
have not heard from Alma or  
Jr lately - we keep well -

Love from  
Mother

unopened

John W. Alexander  
George School  
Bucks County, Penn.  
Thurs. Dec. 1, 1932

Dear Mrs. Page:

Well here I am back at school again. We had a good time coming back, there were about 15 George School students on the train. The ride over the ferry was certainly fun. The view was beautiful.

The cookies the girls made were swell. The jelly has not been broken into yet, it is being saved for a rainy day.

I imagine that you feel quite lonesome all alone in the house, not even a little Pechinese dog to lead around on a string like the rest of the New Yorkers.

You don't know how much we appreciated the good time you gave us and the chance we had to get a good rest. I don't know how much rest it gave you, but anyhow we had a swell time.

I have been writing this letter in study, and there goes the bell for the end of it so I'll sign off

Yours Truly

John W. Alexander



# OAKWOOD SCHOOL, POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Report of Page, Mary of the 8th grade Class, for Month ending Dec. 2

EIGHTH GRADE		FIRST YEAR		THIRD YEAR		FOURTH YEAR	
Reading		REQUIRED SUBJECTS		REQUIRED SUBJECTS		REQUIRED SUBJECTS	
Spelling		English I		4 English III		4 English IV	
Writing		5 Algebra		ELECTIVE SUBJECTS		5 American History	
English	90	5 Biology		2 Psychology		Ethics	
Arithmetic	95	5 General Science		5 Latin III		ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	
History	94	Latin I		10 French II		5 Latin IV	
Geography		2½ Civics		5 Physics		5 French III	
		2 Drawing I (Design)		2½ Intermediate Algebra		5 Chemistry	
SUBJECTS SUPPLEMENTARY TO FOUR YEAR COURSE		SECOND YEAR					
		REQUIRED SUBJECTS					
Musical Appreciation		8 English II		2 Solid Geometry		2 Trigonometry	
Chorus Singing and Rudiments of Music		5 Plane Geometry		5 Modern History		2½ Advanced Algebra	
Piano (Private Lessons)	90	5 {Ancient History or Physical Geography		2 History of English Language and Literature		2½ Economics	
Vocal (Private Lessons)		10 Latin II		5 Bookkeeping I		2 Mechanical Drawing II	
Hebrew History		or		5 Commercial Arithmetic		2½ Typewriting	
Apostolic Church		French I	96	2 Intermediate Drawing		2 English Grammar	
Life of Christ		2 Drawing II (Representation)		2 Mechanical Drawing I		3 Home Economics I (Foods and Housekeeping)	
2½ Old Testament Prophets		3 Home Economics II (Clothing and Design)		3 Home Economics VII (Home Management)			
2½ Life of Jesus and Life of Paul		7½ Agriculture I		English Composition			
Writing							
Spelling						Regents Counts	
Gymnasium						Department Group	

Times Tardy..... Excused..... Days Absent..... Excused..... Number in Class..... Rank.....

Grades are determined by combining the results of daily recitations and those of short tests, written or oral, and are based on a scale of 100. Regents ratings are in red. The Regents passing grade in academic subjects studied for the required length of time is 65 per cent. and 75 per cent. for preliminary subjects, except that in spelling 80 per cent is required.

Students are divided into four groups for deportment ratings: GROUP 1 indicates aggressive, loyal, continuous cooperation with pupils, teachers and others in our school family; GROUP 2 indicates a fair degree of cooperation, not so aggressive, not so complete and continuous as Group 1. Weakness may be due to lack of self-control or to lack of impelling desire to cooperate; GROUP 3 indicates failure in cooperation because pupil is careless, thoughtless, influenced by his fellows or controlled by circumstances; GROUP 4 indicates failure in cooperation because pupil is reckless, selfish, wilful, or because he ignores rights of others.

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A.M.,  
Principal.

*(over)*



cooperates with teachers. Thinks through problems. Excellent work in music & mathematics.

[illegible]

Principal,  
WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A.M.



R. C. A.  
RADIO  
SPEAKER  
IN EACH  
ROOM

TEN FLOORS  
FOR MEN  
SEVEN FLOORS  
FOR WOMEN  
FIVE FLOORS FOR  
MARRIED COUPLES

# ALLERTON HOTEL

701 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

*Chicago,*

Sunday morning, Dec. 4th

Sweetheart of Mine:

Things have gone well during the week. Good response all along the line. On Monday morning, I talked to a class at the Divinity School, spoke at a luncheon of the Disciples, met with a group at the Chicago Theological Seminary in the afternoon, and spoke to the Unitarians at dinner. During the week addressed the Jewish People's Institute, the Chicago Woman's Aid, and Lincoln Center. Went to Milwaukee for their forum, and am going back to Milwaukee tonight for a Jewish Forum. The Jewish people are much more alert to social questions than the usual run of Christians! A light schedule has enabled me to do considerable work in the library on my book - in addition to writing editorials. Have two important conferences with Methodist ministers here on Monday.

On Wednesday will be at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio. Thursday at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Friday at Cincinnati, care Hotel Gibson. Saturday at Toledo, care Waldorf Hotel. Sunday with Harold Gray, Birmingham, Michigan. Monday, Detroit, care Hotel Statler. Tuesday back in New York.

Am thinking seriously of spending June at Slabsides. The student conferences are going to be extremely small. If I were there I would probably be invited to participate in both the men's and the women's student conferences at Blue Ridge. Am eager to get all the time possible

1000 ROOMS  
OFFICIAL ALUMNI HEADQUARTERS OF 102 COLLEGES



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# ALLERTON HOTEL

701 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

*Chicago,*

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on my book. June at Slabsides would be wonderful. What do you think of the idea? Kirby Jr could come along after short visits with the grandmothers, and Mary could come direct from school.

You will remember that we talked of driving to Chicago at the end of the summer for the World's Fair. If we do this, it will be even more desirable to spend June in the mountains.

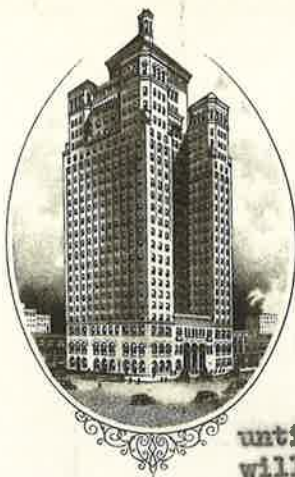
Jessica will advance money if imperative, although I hope we can squeeze through without it. After the first of the year, money will be available for your return expenses. I will pick up about \$700 in December from speaking engagements.

Get mighty lonesome for you, darling.

Yours only and ever

*Kirby*

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# ALLERTON HOTEL

701 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

December *Chicago*,

Dear Kirby:

Well, it will not be long now  
until I will drop in on you. My schedule  
will be :

Leave New York -	Dec. 20 -	12:30 PM
Arr. Chicago	" 21 -	8:30 AM
Leave "		10:30 AM
Arrive Tucson	" 23 -	8:15 AM
Leave "	" 24 -	5:20 P M
Arrive Los Angeles	" 25 -	7:45 AM
Leave "	"	6:00 PM
Arrive Asilomar	" 26 -	7:00 AM

If there is a later train that will get me to  
Los Angeles by 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon, I  
will take it - otherwise will leave Saturday  
afternoon at 5:20. In any case, will have  
all Friday and Saturday with you. Will spend  
the time any way you desire. It will be great  
to see you again.

Doing a lot of speaking in various places  
around here this week. Go on to Ohio and Michigan.  
Back to New York on the 13th.

Hope all goes well.

Affectionately

1000 ROOMS  
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KIRBY PAGE  
347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Dec 5 '1932.

Dealing:

Glad to get your letter this morning.  
Jessie called me up just as I had  
gotten it but had not read it. She  
wanted to know if I knew anything  
about where you would be. Glad  
you have been having such a fine  
time with meetings.

June at Blue Ridge strikes me as  
O.K. Why not get in touch with  
Roland Elliott or whoever fixes  
up schedules and let him  
book you up for everything at  
Blue Ridge and you can do some  
intensive work through June and  
maybe part of July.

Saw Betty House yesterday. Had a  
fine time. Will have to get more money  
just can't squeeze through. Heaps more love  
even your own alma





Wishing You a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year

To Alma  
from  
Jennie

**Southern Arizona School for Boys**

*"In the Sunshine Climate"*

**Tucson, Arizona**

**GEORGE A. HARPER**  
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**CAPTAIN RUSSEL B. FAIRGRIEVE**  
BUSINESS SUPERINTENDENT

December 6, 1932.

Mr. Kirby Page,  
347 Madison Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Page:

Kirby has just told me of your plans to arrive in Tucson on December 23, at 8:15 A.M. and of your desire to be in Los Angeles by 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, the 25th. I have just called the railroad agent and he advises it is necessary to leave Tucson at 6:00 P.M. on Saturday.

We shall meet you at 8:15 A.M. on December 23rd and want you to plan to stay with us here at the school all the time you can be here. We shall make our plans fit into your plans. We regret you will be here so short a time. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you in any way.

With best regards from all of us here.

Sincerely,

  
Russell B. Fairgrieve.

RBF/M.



# OAKWOOD SCHOOL, POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Report of Page, Mary of the Junior Class, for Month ending Dec. 6th

EIGHTH GRADE		FIRST YEAR		THIRD YEAR		FOURTH YEAR	
Reading		REQUIRED SUBJECTS		REQUIRED SUBJECTS		REQUIRED SUBJECTS	
Spelling		English I		4 English III	80	4 English IV	
Writing		5 Algebra		ELECTIVE SUBJECTS		5 American History	
English		5 Biology		2 Psychology		Ethics	
Arithmetic		5 General Science		5 Latin III		ELECTIVE SUBJECTS	
History		Latin I		10 French II		5 Latin IV	
Geography		2½ Civics		5 Physics		5 French III	83
		2 Drawing I (Design)		2½ Intermediate Algebra	92	5 Chemistry	
SUBJECTS SUPPLEMENTARY TO FOUR YEAR COURSE		SECOND YEAR		2 Solid Geometry		2 Trigonometry	
		REQUIRED SUBJECTS		5 Modern History		2½ Advanced Algebra	
Musical Appreciation		8 English II		2 History of English Language and Literature		2½ Economics	
Chorus Singing and Rudiments of Music		5 Plane Geometry		5 Bookkeeping I		2 Mechanical Drawing II	
Piano (Private Lessons)	90	5 {Ancient History or Physical Geography		5 Commercial Arithmetic		2½ Typewriting	
Vocal (Private Lessons)		10 Latin II	82	2 Intermediate Drawing		2 English Grammar	
Hebrew History		or		2 Mechanical Drawing I		3 Home Economics I	
Apostolic Church		French I		3 Home Economics VII		(Foods and Housekeeping)	
Life of Christ		2 Drawing II (Representation)		(Home Management)			
2½ Old Testament Prophets		3 Home Economics II (Clothing and Design)		English Composition			
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Times Tardy..... Excused..... Days Absent..... Excused..... Number in Class..... Rank.....

8th Grade Passing Grade - - - 75  
 High School Passing Grade - - - 65  
 Recommendation Grade - - - 75

Regents grades in red

*(only)*

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A.M.,  
Principal.

Has had more positive influence  
in good this period. So much easier  
to live with than last year.  
Makes more friendly contacts  
with people than formerly.  
decided improvement over last year.  
Has been placed in Special  
Privilege Group because of  
good conduct.

W. J. Reagan

Times Taken	Exceeded	Days Absent	Exceeded	Number in Class	Rank
8th Grade Passing Grade	-	-	-	75	-
High School Passing Grade	-	-	-	55	-
Recommendation Grade	-	-	-	75	-

Report to be made in 10 days

WILLIAM J. REAGAN, A.M.  
Principal

*The Chancellor*  
BANK BLOCK INVESTMENT CO.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec 6 1932

Sweetheart!

Am on my way to Marietta  
College.

Can hardly realize that you  
will soon be off for the South.  
Know you and Mary will have  
an enjoyable trip down. The  
Grandmothers will be wild  
over Mary.

Be sure to let me  
know where you can be reached  
enroute by wire. Pick out  
three or four along the way  
where you will call for mail

and if necessary we will  
send a telegram care of the  
postoffice.

Will send my next  
letter to Bookkeeper, as I am  
not sure whether you and  
May will return to N.Y. or  
go merrily on your way.

Love you dearly, my own!

Kirby



Dearest Dad,

Well after this  
I'm beginning to think  
we need a horse instead.

Anyway we're some-  
where between Baltimore  
and Washington now.

We hit snow just  
out of Trenton and  
what a time. The  
windshield wiper doesn't  
work as usual, and  
the snow made ice  
on the glass. Well  
anyway we're here.

Love Mary

Dec. 14, 1932.

Dear Alma:

I arrived promptly from Detroit Tuesday morning and was glad to get your note. Mary's card written from the neighborhood of Baltimore came. I am sorry that you had to start off in the snow but presume you left the cold weather behind after you got past Washington. Eager to get further word about your trip.

I wish that I might have been behind the door when Mother got her first sight of Mary. It would have been worth the price of admission. I am sure you are having a marvelous time together.

I will make sure to take along the packages for the boy and know he will be delighted. I am to be here in the City today and tomorrow. Going up to Boston for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. After spending Monday in the City, I leave Tuesday morning for the Coast.

I had a really grand time with Harold and Laura. Laura went to Russia this summer with a Y.W.C.A. Secretary and has moved away to the left in her ideas. When we get together, I have a lot of details to tell you about them.

Reinie is in much better shape now. For a while it looked as if he might have a physical crash that would put him out of running for a long time. He has cancelled his speaking engagements for two months and by taking things easy, hopes to get back on his feet.

Within a few days, I will send you my schedule. You can reach me at Tucson on Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th. I will also leave a detailed train schedule here in the office so that you can always get me quickly by wire if you need me.

Deepest love to all of you.

As ever,

Mrs. Kirby Page,  
c/o G. W. Murry,  
Route 5, Box 222, Lufkin, Tex.

Dec. 14, 1932.

Dear Son:

I got back to the City and found that Mother and Mary had left according to schedule. They should be reaching Lufkin today. They started off in a snow storm but it probably did not last very far south.

I am still planning to reach Tucson according to the schedule which I previously sent you. Please tell the Captain that I appreciated his letter and am looking forward to a good visit with him. I was delighted with your grades for the second month.

I have heaps of things to talk over with you when we meet. It will not be long now.

Affectionately yours,

Mr. Kirby Page, Jr.,  
Southern Arizona School for Boys,  
Tucson, Ariz.

Dearest Dad,

Well so far we've  
been making pretty  
bad time. We're not  
yet to New Orleans.

I rather doubt if  
we'll be in Lufkin  
on time. The  
weather has held  
us up. We ran  
into at least twenty  
showers today, so  
I guess we're all  
wet.

Love  
many

Dearest Dad,

Well we're  
here at last,  
and dropped.

If you don't  
hear from us  
again soon you'll  
know we're recap-  
itizing.

Give a good  
time to Susan  
and give K my  
love - Love  
many



Luffkin Dec 18 =

My Dear - the folks are  
here all right - got here at midnight  
Wed - rained on them all day - & has been  
raining - sleeting, & snowing ever since  
awful cold for here - but we are  
having a fine time, I saw Mary by moon  
light first - she is beautiful & sweet  
as can be - I just love her so much -  
she has been playing the Piano for me -  
do hope you & Jn keep well, & have a  
good happy time - we keep well -  
love - & best wishes -

Mother

tell Jn for me, a happy Xmas,  
& wish him

Friday Dec 30 -

Alma Dear - I wish I knew  
where you & Mary are to day - & if you  
are well - we are having awful rains -  
could not go for mail last evening - &  
it has been a regular down pour all the  
morning - the horse is the only hope for  
mail to day, as the whole flat is under water  
but its real warm - Mary cleaned out  
the cistern nothing going down - kept  
pouring in water, & sweeping with an old  
broom tied on a pole - & draining out  
until it was clear - now there is a whole  
lot of water in again  
Several letters for you & Mary came Tuesday  
& I forwarded them to your home address

you see we got no mail Monday. the  
carrier was taking a double time, & the  
weather was too bad for us to see about  
it Sat afternoon - ed -

we are well - I am sewing scraps -

I do pray you both reach home  
safely - I was so glad to see Mary  
she is a perfect darling -

Love - Mother

KIRBY PAGE  
347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Dec 19, 1932

Daddy Darling:

Be sure and get the boy off to himself and give him a good big hug for me. I was expecting to get a letter from him while I was here but nothing has come. Be sure and give him his Christmas present and his birthday present. Did you ever send for his reptile book? If not you can have the office send for it as we promised it to him.

We have had miserable weather all the time we have been here. Not able to get out for anything at all. We just sit and hug the fire and I mean just that. no sitting over at the other side of the room. We leave the 21st and allow one day in Houston, leaving six each place. We leave Houston morning of 28th early.

Have a good time with Kay and a good time with the conference. Do your best for them. We will keep on loving you and loving you and lovin' you. Always your own Alma

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Enroute Dec 21

Sweetheart Alma:

may the truest Christmas spirit descend upon all of you! Shall we be thinking of you constantly and wish that we might all be together. Kirby Jr and I will make the best of it together. Will write you all about him.

Had a splendid response at Boston on Sunday when I spoke in Symphony Hall. On Monday we had a good discussion at Sherwood's group. I will be away at the time of the next meeting, but hope you will be free to attend and give me an account of what happens.

Left the house in a mess - but was under unusual pressure. Will be grateful if you will file the stuff on the cabinet.

Talked with Betty Howe briefly. Saw Gene on the street.

Tell me all about Suffrin and League City. address me at Asilomar, California % Ymca Student Conference until I leave there on Jan. 1. In Los Angeles until Jan 7 at Bates Hotel.

I love you! I love you!

Kirby



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Mrs Kirby Page,

Care League City Cafe,

League City Texas.

Affectionate Christmas greetings to all of you stop will be  
Thinking of you constantly stop had wonderful visit with Kirby  
Junior he is well and happy and making splendid progress joins in  
Sending love all of you after January second address me Gates  
Hotel LosAngeles.

Kirby Page

845am



•To•Wish•You•a•Merry•Christmas•

To greet you sincerely at Christmas  
and to wish you every happiness  
in the New Year

Mula & Reim



With sincere wishes for a  
very Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year





We came unto the land whither thou sentest us  
....and this is the fruit of it."



**The Staff and Students  
of the  
Agricultural Institute  
wish you  
A Merry Christmas**

Allahabad Christian College  
Sam Higginbottom, President

1932

Lufkin Dec 28<sup>th</sup>

Kidly Dear - I waited to get  
mail this week before writing -  
the carrier never came Monday - so  
yesterday there was a break - some  
of a Mary & Alma - I will send them  
on to N.Y. as they were intending to  
to start back today - they left here  
on the 21<sup>st</sup> - & I only had one card  
from them - I sure love Mary she is  
the sweetest girl I ever saw I think  
Norman's sister Ella died last week  
we spent Xmas alone - & very thankless  
we were out of bed - such a lot  
of sickness all around - card from  
Mary is out chopping wood, I will  
go to mail box. love from Mother.

KIRBY PAGE  
347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

6:45 am  
Dec 29

Darling:

We are ready to start out again after making this for last night. We ought to reach the Georgia border by night I should say.

I wrote you at Asilomar, but as I had no schedule I had to address it by memory. Hope you got the letter OK.

Give my best to Martha and Rex and if you are able to get any really good signatures from Rex by all means get them for Mary. Hope much love and bushels and oceans more -

Did you get an overcoat?

Always your own  
Alma.

Houston, Texas.

Dec 29, 32.

Dear Ruby, -

your good letter and present  
received OK - Thanks -

Sure glad to see Alma & Mary,  
She is sure a dear.

Hope you had a very Merry  
Xmas and that the new year  
will be your best.

Times here are double tough,  
lots of sickness - Edith been up  
& down with flu the last  
week - I am working double shift  
now - Day & night both - Hope  
it won't last many months -

We are getting by & that's all,  
Thankful I can work & do that.

Write us - Edith joins in Love -

P. L.

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Asilomar, December 30th

Seetheart of Mine:

Hope you and Mary had a safe and enjoyable trip. Am eager to hear more about your experiences. You will rejoice over the enclosed report from Mr. Reagan. Better congratulate Mary! I am writing her by this mail.

The days here are extremely busy and most profitable. I get up each morning at 5:30 and go for a stroll on the beach while it is still dark and deserted. Have a series of talks before the entire conference each morning on Jesus, and am getting a wonderful response. Then a steady stream of interviews and group meetings throughout the day and evening. It presents a marvelous opportunity and I enjoy every moment of it.

The weather is glorious and I am feeling tip-top.

Think of you constantly, and wish that you were here with me. How I would love to feel your warm kisses this morning!

Your own

*Kirby*

Wed. Dec. 20, 1981

Dear Dad,

Say! you should see the room  
I have now. Its on the top floor  
you know. and has a window  
facing the river and <sup>one facing</sup> the church.  
Also a private bath. How  
that for 2 cents?

you were right when you  
said that from now on  
little Mary wouldn't have  
any breakfast. I didn't  
the morning.  
Oh well. Ill go down  
now and eat. Its almost  
12 now. This also  
means I stop this.

Love  
Mary.